

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

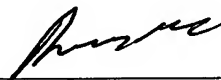
Claims 15-25 are currently pending in the present application; Claims 1-14 having been canceled, and Claims 15-25 having been added by way of the present amendment.

The specification has been amended consistent with U.S. practice. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, an action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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